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MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

MAKE PLANS FOR THE MAY 6 SPRING SOARÉE: REGISTRATION OPEN

Dear Lacey,

At the Hudsonville Education Foundation, we know that when a community comes together to champion its schools, extraordinary things happen. As HEF's treasurer I see the numbers behind the impact, and I'm reminded daily that every grant, every classroom innovation, and every student opportunity begins with people who choose to invest in our district's future. Every dollar helps us reach and stretch our goal to provide significant resources for our Eagle student experiences.

That's why I'm especially excited for our Spring SOARée on May 6 at Farmhaus Cider Co. This event is far more than a fun night out; it's a celebration of the creativity and dedication of Hudsonville teachers whose ideas come to life through HEF-supported grants. Set against a relaxed, spring-themed backdrop, guests will enjoy handcrafted beverages, great food, and a vibrant silent auction while fueling the next wave of classroom innovation.

Whether you're a business looking to sponsor, a community member eager to donate to the silent auction, or a neighbor ready to gather friends for a night of connection,

your participation matters. The SOARée is a perfect low-pressure way to learn more about HEF, meet the people shaping our schools, and see firsthand how your support strengthens opportunities for students.

With less than two months to go, let's count down with anticipation. Plan a night of fun, bring your favorite people, and join us in celebrating the partnerships and possibilities that make the Hudsonville Education Foundation such a special community of support.

Sincerely,

Drew Ysseldyke

HEF Board Treasurer

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Spring Soarée

PRESENTED BY

GEMMEN'S
ACE Hardware

MAY 6, 2026
5:30-8:00 PM
@ FARMHAUSCIDER CO.

TICKETS AND INFO:
HUDSEDFOUND.ORG/SOAREE

"Teachers see what students need--and imagine what's possible. Let's help bring their ideas to life."

-Andrew Gemmen, Gemmen's Ace Hardware

HEF Spring Soaree Presenting Sponsor, Teacher Grant Supporter

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ESTATE PLANNING MADE EASIER AT HEF COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

Planning for the future doesn't have to feel overwhelming.

On March 18, HEF community members joined us for a practical, easy-to-understand free community workshop designed to help individuals and families take the next step in protecting what matters most.

Attorney Victoria Smalley helped attendees learn more about creating a first estate plan, updating existing documents, including charitable giving in your plans, and understanding options. She provided improved clarity and the confidence to take the next best step for you.

If you'd like to learn when this topic may be offered again or have ideas for future workshop topics, email ldixon@hpseagles.net. To notify HEF that you've included the organization in your estate plans, make your Wingspan Circle Membership official.

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TAKE ACTION ITEMS

- Celebrate teacher grant awards and encourage the innovative teachers in your world to apply. Applications open April 15.
- Nominate alumni for the Hall of Fame by April 10.
- Rally your neighbors and friends to join you at the Spring SOARée on May 6.

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